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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southern in 1866. The Watchman and Southern now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

The Sumter plan of distributing Christmas gifts to all children whom Santa Claus might not visit is not a charity, but a beautiful sentiment put into practice. Every man with the real Christmas spirit has wished he could play Santa Claus to all little girls and boys who have been robbed by adversity of the joys of Christmas, and Sumter has, for twenty years, by co-operation made this universal wish an actuality in this community. The annual mass meeting of the Sunday Schools and the large fund raised each year are spontaneous expressions of the desire to give pleasure to those who would otherwise be sad on the happiest day of the year; and any effort to make of it an organized and systematized charity will destroy the spirit of the custom and in a few years the custom itself will become obsolete for lack of the cheerful and spontaneous support it has received from the entire community, all of whom, deep down in their hearts, have faith in Santa Claus and gladly do what they can to keep the same sentiment and faith alive in the hearts of all little boys and girls.

The Norway killing was a murder of the meanest type, being the result of a deep seated malice that incited the murderers to conspire together for the purpose of slaying a man who was helpless and without means of defense. The killing of a man in heat and passion or in equal combat is an awful crime, but to butcher in cold blood under cover of night, as was done at Norway, is worse than murder—it was savagery of the lowest type. What will the officers, whose duty it is to enforce the law and protect all citizens, do about it?

Charleston will ask the Legislature to enact a law permitting the sale of liquor in that city under a high license system. It is to be hoped that the petition will be granted, for any system would be an improvement on existing conditions, and the enforcement of a high license law would drive out the blind tigers and create a measure of respect for law that is now wanting among a large number of Charleston people. By all means let Charleston have license or any other law that the people will respect and obey.

The Bulgarians have a big piece of Turkey for Christmas, but not peace and good will toward all mankind.

The cotton crop of Sumter county has been harvested and the greater part of it sold. The farmers have quit worrying over the short crop and are already planning for next year with renewed hope and courage. Last year Christmas found thousands of bales of cotton in the fields and on many farms cotton picking and cotton planting lapped, consequently there was no time for proper preparation of the land and this year's crop was produced under difficulties. The outlook is brighter for another crop than it was a year ago and many up-to-date and pushing farmers are hard at work preparing the land for next year. Farming is a great business and rich in hope.

## BEULAH CHAPTER OFFICERS.

Men Who Will Hold Office During Coming Year Chosen at Recent Meeting.

At a recent meeting of Beulah chapter R. A. M., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: S. M. McLeod, High Priest; H. L. Scarborough, King; J. A. Parrish, Scribe; J. C. Cooper, Captain of Hosts; W. J. Crowson, Jr., P. S.; Bartow Walsh, Treasurer; W. R. Parker, Secretary; S. F. Stoudenmire, W. B. Boyle and A. E. Bentley, Masters of Veils; W. S. Reames, Sentinel.

These officers will be installed at a meeting Thursday night.

## Read it.

The cost less begins Thursday. You know, it's Schwartz Bros.—Advt.

## APPLY FOR POSTAL BONDS.

South Carolina Depositors Would Purchase \$600 of New Issue of Savings Securities.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Information made public today by Postmaster General Hitchcock shows that the postal savings depositors in the State of South Carolina have made application for \$600 of the postal savings bonds to be distributed January 1. Application for this amount has been made by four depositors, \$80 of the registered bonds \$520 of the coupon bonds being applied for.

Ten depositors in Charleston applied for \$500 and those in Sumterville for \$100 of the bonds.

This is the fourth bond issue since the installation of the postal savings system in this country, the first having been made July 1, 1911. Compared with the applications made by depositors in South Carolina July 1 last the present applications show an increase of \$40 or 7.1 per cent July 1, last, four depositors applied for \$500 of the bonds.

## TAKEN FROM JAIL; KILLED.

John Felder is Slain by Mob Near Norway—Motive a Mystery.

Norway, Dec. 21.—In jail on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, John Felder, a negro, was taken from the guardhouse here last night and slain at a spot about two miles from this town. The negro was shot in the head several times and broken pieces of a revolver butt indicate that he was severely beaten about the head. No motive has been assigned for the killing of the negro. It is certain that the charge under which he was incarcerated did not figure, for that had been settled or was on the eve of being disposed of.

The negro was arrested Friday by Magistrate Tyler on a warrant sworn out by J. R. Leysech of North. The negro had contracted to work on the farm of S. D. M. Guess and son at Denmark for the next year and Mr. Leysech, learning this, communicated with the Messrs. Guess. They agreed to reimburse Mr. Leysech. During the early evening two sons of the negro came to the Messrs. Guess and urged them to speed in securing the release of their father as they feared that harm would have to come to him if he had to remain over night.

The events of the night showed that their fears were well founded. Some time between sunset and sunrise a party of men broke into the guardhouse and secured the negro. He was taken some two miles from the city, where his hands were tied before him and his body was riddled with bullets. Either before or after the shooting the victim was horribly beaten about the head with the butt end of revolvers.

A large black dog was found guarding the body of the slain negro this morning. The animal did not belong to the negro nor can any one be found who can name the owner of the sympathetic canine.

The motive for the killing of the negro is a mystery. It is conceded by all that the killing did not result from the Leysech arrest as this was amicably settled in the early evening. It is said that a few days ago the negro and a white man engaged in an altercation in which the negro drew a revolver and used some ugly threats but the story is not confirmed, nor can the name of the white man involved be ascertained.

A coroner's jury was secured and an inquest instituted but for lack of witnesses it was necessarily postponed until Tuesday. The hearing will be resumed at that time. Sheriff Salley came to Norway from Orangeburg this afternoon and spent some time in an investigation before returning to the county seat. A significant clue is the fact that evidence of only two buggy tracks can be found leading from the jail and the "mob" must have been a small one to use but two conveyances.

## INQUIRY AT NORWAY FRUITLESS.

Investigation Has Thus Far Failed to Tell Who Composed Members of Mob.

Denmark, Dec. 22.—Norway is quiet after the shocking killing of Friday night. No further progress has been made in the effort to apprehend the members of the mob. The people as a whole are reticent and disposed to shift responsibility for the probe entirely upon the officers of the law, but are apparently anxious to see the proper officials enter earnestly and quickly upon the investigation with the hope that the horrible crime will be laid bare to the public. The negroes of the community are very quiet.

Congressman Lever has been suggested as a member of President Wilson's cabinet. He would make good Secretary of Agriculture but friends would rather see him remain where he is.—Orangeburg Times Democrat.

## RECITATIONS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

A Most Delightful Entertainment Given by Children of the Sunday School.

A very delightful entertainment was given at the First Baptist church Sunday night, recitations, songs and other interesting features comprising the program.

The entertainment was given for the benefit of the aged ministers' fund of the Baptist Convention, and was very largely attended and the program was carried through without a hitch or halt. The children and young ladies and gentlemen who took part acquitted themselves in excellent style and all present were very much pleased and considered the affair a great success. The lights had been arranged with special care for the occasion by Mr. Ernest Rhame and formed one of the features, many most beautiful effects being given by the illuminative designs.

### Programme.

1. Organ Prelude.
- Prayer (Pastor.)
- Scripture reading, (pastor.)
- Star of Bethlehem, (young ladies.)
- Recitation, "Little Blossom," Gladys Cuttino.
- Vocal solo, "O, Holy Night," Aural Leiby.
- Recitation, "Little Mary's Wish," Sarah Rose.
- Recitation, "Ole Bull's Christmas Story," Virginia Thomas.
- "Heralds of Heaven," Young ladies.
- Recitation, "The Starless Crown," Katie Hinson.
- Recitation, "Memories of Mother," Thelma Rose.
- Instrumental selection by orchestra.
- Vocal solo, Miss Nettles.
- Recitation, "Power of Song," Mazie Smith.
- Recitation, "Over the River," Pearl King.
- Quartette, "The Guiding Star."
- Vocal solo, "Angels of Jesus," Nell Rhame.
- Recitation, "Little Tommy's Prayer," Aural Leiby.
- "Angel Land," Young ladies.
- "Father Ryan's Christmas Chant," Mrs. Laura Leiby.
- Address, James Graham.
- Collection.
- Doxology.
- Benediction.

## GOV. WILSON VISITS UNIVERSITY.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 22.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson became "President Wilson of Princeton University" again for a few minutes today.

After a five hour walk through Princeton, during which he acted as guide for half a dozen correspondents, the governor turned into Seventy Nine hall, a dormitory donated by the class of 1879, of which he was a member.

"By virtue of the fact that the governor of New Jersey is ex-officio president of the board of trustees of Princeton university, I suppose it still proper for me to go in here," said Gov. Wilson, as he led his retinue up a flight of stairs. At the entrance at the suite of rooms in the dormitory which were especially fitted up for the president of the university, he paused.

"I still have the key," he remarked as he drew forth a bunch of keys from his pocket and opened the big oak door.

The big room from which Woodrow Wilson once ruled Princeton university was dark and vacant. The furniture had been moved out and the rugs were gone. The handsome carvings on the walls, the big fireplace and the decorations, however, were intact. It was the first time the former president of the university has seen his old office in two years.

During the coming week Gov. Wilson will be for the most part at the State house in Trenton, where he has conferences scheduled with Speaker Clark, Representative Underwood, Senator Hoke Smith and a number of other Democratic leaders in congress. He heard with regret of the illness of Mr. Underwood, he said, and expressed the hope that the indisposition would be only temporary.

### A Raw Day for Shoppers.

Despite the fact that Monday was one of the rawest days of the winter, there were hundreds of people in the street doing their business shopping. Nor were there only the school girls who came home from college, who at a time previously to do any shopping, as usual, until the last of the month. There were many of those who came out to do their shopping, as usual, until the last of the month. There were many of those who came out to do their shopping, as usual, until the last of the month. There were many of those who came out to do their shopping, as usual, until the last of the month.

## BRYAN AND WILSON TALK.

DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND POLICIES OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

Conference Between President-elect and Nebraskan Fails to Add to Sum of Public Knowledge About Probable Selections for High Places.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 21.—After a day of lengthy conferences in Trenton the most important of which was with W. J. Bryan, President-elect Woodrow Wilson returned tonight to his home here, tired and ready for rest. So far as light on the gossip as to Mr. Bryan's future relations with the administration, the conference between the two today was productive of nothing more than speculation. Mr. Wilson said very frankly that while he had talked about men for his cabinet with Mr. Bryan the name of the Nebraskan was not mentioned. As to further conferences with Mr. Bryan, none was talked of or arranged, Mr. Wilson said.

Discussing tonight the subject of patronage, the president-elect made it evident that those who expect to get political appointments from him had better not try to manifest their ambition in person or apply directly to him in any way.

"I have a sort of general principle," he said, "that those who apply for offices will be the least likely to get them."

"Then a great number has been disqualified already," he was asked. "Yes," was the smiling reply.

The question reminded the president-elect of a letter he had received from an office-seeker.

"One man wrote me," related Mr. Wilson, "saying he was thinking of applying and would like to know from me personally what was the best way to go about it."

"There was no reply," he said. He added that he, of course, expected to take advice about patronage and would be guided in a great many appointments by the recommendations of members of congress.

The summoning of Mr. Bryan to discuss legislative policies and the personnel of the cabinet was, the president-elect indicated, one of a series of steps which he is taking to determine upon the fitness of individuals for the cabinet.

Mr. Wilson intends, moreover, to carry out literally his plan of being the "best listener in the United States" and expects to continue to "take common counsel" for some time, perhaps as late as March 1, before making final decisions of announcements.

In view of Mr. Bryan's connection with the drafting of the Democratic platform today's conference concerned largely plans for carrying out platform pledges.

The governor was asked if Mr. Bryan seemed to be in favor of any precedence in the order of legislation.

"We went over the platform in a general way," replied the governor, "with no special emphasis on one plank more than another."

Mr. Wilson was told tonight that Mr. Bryan had said just before his departure that he planned to attend the inauguration, "if the weather is fine."

"I hope he'll attend the inauguration, and I hope the weather will be fine, too," said Mr. Wilson approvingly.

Judge Robert S. Hudspeth, national committeeman from New Jersey, and Edward E. Grosscup, Democratic State chairman, conferred with the governor about State business in the afternoon.

The long day of conferences ended a week of harder work than Mr. Wilson had done since the campaign ended. When he reached home he showed a little fatigue and looked forward to rest Sunday.

## BRYAN'S NAME NOT MENTIONED.

After Long Conference, Governor Announces That Nebraskan Has Not Been Subject of Discussion.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 21.—President-elect Wilson announced after a three and a half hour conference with William J. Bryan that the name of the Nebraskan had not been mentioned in their discussion of cabinet places.

We had a very delightful conference but did not come to any conclusion," said the president-elect as he came out of his office alone to talk to the waiting newspaper men. "We talked things over generally. We talked about the policies of the party, the carrying out of the platform pledges and talked about various cabinet places, discussing names in a general way."

"Did Mr. Bryan suggest some names?" he was asked.

"I do not remember whether he or I suggested the names."

The governor was then asked if Mr. Bryan's name had been discussed.

"It was not discussed," he answered emphatically. "You must take

## MEXICAN TROOPS SLAIN.

REBELS KILL 250 FEDERAL REGULARS.

Fighting Continued for Only a Few Hours—Gen. Salazar Was in Command.

El Paso, Dec. 22.—Refugee Mexican federal soldiers arrived today at Juarez, report that the 250 federal irregular troops garrisoning Ascension practically were annihilated Wednesday when rebels attacked the town, about 75 miles southwest of Juarez.

The attack was made shortly after midnight and fighting continued only for a few hours. The garrison commander reports to Gen. Trucey at Juarez that he knew of only 15 of his men escaping besides himself. He is hiding at a ranch, he writes. The fate of 15 irregulars at Guzman, nearby, is not known. It is believed the town was taken by rebels before Ascension.

The rebels were commanded by Gen. Isaac Salazar. The revolutionists are reported as mobilizing at the captured town. Gen. Jose Blanco with 800 federal troops is moving against Ascension from the Casas Grandes district to the South. A train bearing 600 regular cavalry of the Seventh regiment arrived tonight at Juarez from Chihuahua, and will go early tomorrow against the rebel mobilization.

A battalion of regular infantry, it is said officially, is moving from the west against Ascension, forming a pocket in which it is hoped to trap the rebel force, which the federal now admit numbers some 1,500 men. Rebel agents at El Paso say that Gen. Pascual Orozco, Jr., is in the field with more than 2,000 men.

After all, it might be the best thing, under the circumstances, for the State to send Cole Blaise to the United States senate, as it did Tillman. Tillman like Blaise, ripped, cavorted and snorted, until he landed in Washington and after finding himself outstripped in that line by such men as Jeff Davis, he cooked down to normal temperament and has really made a creditable senator. We doubt if Blaise has sense enough to follow in Tillman's footsteps, but he couldn't do much harm in the United States senate, in any event.—Lancaster News.

me at my word that I am not making decisions now and honor me by not asking questions that call into question."

The governor said he did not know whether he would have any further conferences with Mr. Bryan soon.

The president-elect here turned the interview into a reprimand of some of the headlines in the morning papers. "The headline writer," he said, "seems to think everything I do is going to be sensational and the headlines almost never agree with the article below them."

Mr. Wilson closed the interview absolutely noncommittal as to his conference.

"It is customary," he said, "for the president to make announcements of his conferences and his callers."

The correspondents, however, fenced with Mr. Bryan, plying him with a number of questions, to all of which he made the same reply.

When told that Col. Watterson had suggested him for the ambassadorship to England, the Nebraskan smiled and said: "Col. Watterson and I have not conferred about that matter."

As Mr. Bryan was talking to the newspaper men Gov. Wilson came out of his office and Mr. Bryan turned to him laughing, saying: "I am throwing on you the responsibility of doing the saying."

"That's all right, sir, I'll attend to that," said the governor with a twinkle of his eye.

The Democratic leaders then went out to lunch. Mr. Tumulty, the governor's secretary, joined them in the public room of a hotel.

Mr. Bryan met Gov. Wilson at the State house here at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

"I'm so glad to see you," was Gov. Wilson's greeting.

Mr. Bryan reached the State house half an hour ahead of his appointed time and as he was escorted into the governor's office, Gov. Wilson was not to be found.

"I guess we will find him somewhere around," said Joseph P. Tumulty, the governor's secretary, as he led Mr. Bryan through the various rooms. They found the president-elect looking over some letters in an outer office.

"I did not mean that you should find me out here," the governor said as he took Mr. Bryan's hand and escorted him into his private office. The big oak door of the governor's office was wide open and the "open door" policy which Mr. Wilson inaugurated here enabled spectators who freely come and go in the ante-room to see the two men in conference.

## TWENTY-TWO LOST AT SEA.

STEAMER IS WRECKED DURING A GALE OFF COAST.

Left Ship but Couldn't Land; Found From Halifax to St. Johns. Five Men Effected Safe Landing.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 22.—Twenty-two of the 27 members of the crew of the Furness line steamer Florence bound from Halifax, N. S., to St. Johns, lost their lives in the wreck of the vessel on the ledges west of St. Shotts during a gale last Friday. Five survivors, who reached land in a boat, brought the news to Trepassy tonight. The steamer carried no passengers.

Capt. Barr of the steamer and all men reached shore after the vessel struck, but the inaccessible cliffs of St. Shotts prevented their escape. The tide backed up by the northwest gale made it impossible to remain there and all hands were obliged to put back to the ship.

Capt. Barr felt confident that the wind would go down, but Second Mate J. Hedley volunteered to take the men in one of the ship's boats and seek a more favorable landing place further along the coast. In the heavy seas the captain was unwilling to risk more lives and gave his consent to the second mate's expedition.

With great difficulty Hedley piloted his boat along the coast until he saw a break in the rugged line of cliffs. Pointing the nose directly into the surf he ran in without being upset. Tumbling out hastily to prevent themselves from being sucked back by the undertow, the mate and his four men dragged their boat up the beach and made their way back along the cliff to where their steamer lay.

The wind and sea in the meantime had increased. The combers broke continuously over the decks of the vessel which was grinding heavily on the jagged rocks. Hedley and his men searched in vain for some path by which the cliff might be scaled or the crew of the Florence helped. The coast in that vicinity was uninhabited. The few fishermen's huts were deserted for the winter and Hedley had to take refuge for the night in one of these abandoned shacks.

At daybreak Saturday Hedley found that the wind had been steadily increasing. Hurrying back to the point off which the Florence lay, he could see no sign of the steamer. Considerable of her cargo of lumber was floating along the shore but no small boats were visible.

The five survivors made a long and thorough search along the shore for their ship's stores, but no trace of them was to be found. They then started for St. Shotts, the nearest inhabited place, several miles distant. Two of them were so exhausted from cold and exposure that they had to be assisted. These two were left at St. Shotts to recuperate while the others pushed on to Trepassy, whence they sent word of the disaster to this city. They are not expected to arrive here before the middle of the week.

Besides Mate J. Hedley, the survivors are Seamen W. Wight, I. Mianiquist, E. Taylor and T. Sineding.

The steamer Florence was of 1,609 tons burden and was built in Sunderland, England, in 1889. She was 233.5 feet long, 40.2 beam with a depth of 26.1 feet.

### "Exmass Tho'hs."

Sumter, Dec. 21, 1912.

Mr. Editor:

Please A Loue me space in your paper to Put a few thohts I Have been Bless to in joye my 20th year of Exmass tree and Mr. L. E. White Sutly select the Bess I have Evir Saw for the Orcaison and Miss Bessy McLane, the fatfule one knows how to Deck-rate, full of Paison and Inegey and all of Other Techers so Love her tell they don't fail to give Her a Helping hand and I Pray that all the techers and Scolars will in Joye a Happy Exmass and you know Mr. Edmond all ways on his Post lack a watchman By Night. I say these things because I love to give flours to the Living that they can in Joye the Oder. It is well Enough to cover the Ded body with flours but they don't know any thing A bout it, so with that when one Dose well tell Him or Here while they Liveth, then there can en Joye it. A fue thohts a Bout Our Cheaf Exxitive head of South Carolina, the Governor A mine me of the Marriage at Caney of Galle when Our blest Lord was a Vitat Goss and when all the Wine was out they was queuing a Rose what shall we Dee and He Cur manded the water Pots to be filled to the Brim, and when the cur mand was car out He Seade to them to comence a Serving and When some one had tasted it, theye sed the Best was save for the last, and that is what I think A Bout Govner Blaise of South Carolina. He was the Best for the Last, this State is one of the smallis State in the union, but she Has some of the Biges men and women and theye are all one lack me. We love Our State, these fue wods from your On Werthy, Rev. H. Lewis.